and also to ensure effective implementation of the cluster catchment development project; and

(b) if so, the details of the revised action plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE INTHE MINISTRY OF RURALDEVELOPMENT (SHRIANNASAHEB M. K. PATIL): (a) and (b)The Department of Land Resources (DoLR) in the Ministry of Rural Development is implementing three Watershed Development Programmes namely the Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), the Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP) and the Desert Development Programme (DDP) for beating the wastelands and degraded lands in accordance with the Guidelines for Watershed Development Action Plan for each watershed development project under these Programmes is prepared by the Village Level Watershed Association/Watershed Committee consisting of all the stake holders under the guidance of a technical team of the Project Implementing Agency. The Action Plan is approved at Zilla Panchayat/DRDA level. These plans help in treating the wastelands and degraded lands in the project area. In September 2001, the cost norm for development/treatment was revised upward to Rs. 6000 per hectare for the watershed projects sanctioned under the three Programmes after 1.4.2000. Consequently, the ZPs/ DRDAs were requested to revise the Action Plan of these watershed development projects only. These Action Plans were to be revised at Watershed Committee level and were required to be approved at the ZP/DRDA level for implementation of these projects. For the projects sanctioned before 1.4.2000, the approved Action Plans would continue to be implemented by the Watershed Associations/Committees.

**Request of Maharashtra Govt, to treat EGS as a sub-project of SGRY**

726. SHRI A1MADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): DR. KARAN SINGH:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it was decided that with the introduction of the Sampuma Gramin Rozgar Yojana, the Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) would not be eligible for Food for Work;

(b) whether Government of Maharashtra has requested the Central Government that the erstwhile Employment Guarantee Scheme (EGS) should be regarded as a Sub-project of the Sampuma Gramin Rozgar Yojana and be made eligible for Food for Work Programme; and

(c) whether any other State Government has also made similar request, if so, the decision on the Maharashtra Government's request?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIM. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a)The SGRYhas been launched w.e.f. 25th September 2001 to generate additional wage employment, to provide food security and for creation of village infrastructure in the rural areas. There is no provision for foodgrains allocated under the SGRY to be used under the EGS.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Similar request from any other State has not been received. Request of the State Government of Maharashtra has not been agreed to.

States failing to pick up money from Ministry for sanctioned programmes

727. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many States are failing to pick up their sanctioned money from the Ministry for programmes such as Employment Assurance Scheme, IAY, Jawahar Gram Swarojgar Yojana, Rural Water Supply Scheme etc. during the last few years;

(b) if so, the details of States and programmes under which they failed to pick up their money, State-wise; and

(c) what steps Government are taking to release the funds to States and in what manner?

THE MINISTER OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. VENKAIAH NAIDU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The details of allocations and releases made by the Ministry of Rural Development to States under the allocation based programmes of the ministry, namely, the Employment Assurance Schemes (EAS), the Indira Awaas Yojana (IAY), the Jawahar Gram Samridhi Yojana (JGSY), the Swamjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), the National Old Age Pension Scheme (NOAPS), the National Family Benefit Scheme (NFBS), the Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY) and the Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme (ARWSP) during the last three years are given in the Statement at Annexure [See Appendix 195,AnnexureNo. 11].